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Application No. 09/898,321

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 19, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On June 20, 2004, appellants filed an amendment after final, both the Appeal Brief filed October 3, 2003 and the Examiner's Answer entered January 5, 2004 indicate that this amendment has been entered. A review of the record indicate the amendment was not physically entered.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application be returned electronically to the Examiner to physically enter the amendment filed on June 20, 2003, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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